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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby makes of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of references A1-A31 are not provided herewith as each reference has been previously submitted or cited (with reference A24 cited by the Examiner) in patent application serial no. 09/999,209, which is relied upon for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120.

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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

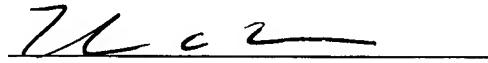
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAM. INIT.		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A1.	1,714,988	5/28/29	Schlaich			7/15/24
	A2.	3,382,720	5/14/68	Young			6/9/65
	A3.	4,003,263	1/18/77	O'Rourke			1/14/76
	A4.	4,006,639	2/8/77	Wetterhorn			9/29/75
	A5.	4,023,416	5/17/77	Ormsby			11/24/75
	A6.	4,034,612	7/12/77	Buckwitz			2/25/76
	A7.	4,051,730	10/4/77	Andrews et al.			5/20/76
	A8.	4,055,085	10/25/77	Wetterhorn			7/26/76
	A9.	4,117,727	10/3/78	Friswell et al.			12/12/77
	A10.	4,136,560	1/30/79	Gellos			12/9/77
	A11.	4,176,558	12/4/79	Wetterhorn			3/17/78
	A12.	4,184,375	1/22/80	Gray			8/21/78
	A13.	4,191,056	3/4/80	Holden			8/29/78
	A14.	4,246,778	1/27/81	Fiala			5/18/79
	A15.	4,337,664	7/6/82	Kipp et al.			6/5/80
	A16.	4,374,475	2/22/83	Hestich			2/9/81
	A17.	4,501,152	2/26/85	Wetterhorn et al.			3/9/83
	A18.	4,541,276	9/17/85	Perkins			8/2/83
	A19.	4,567,921	2/4/86	King			6/1/84
	A20.	4,667,517	5/26/87	Holden			1/15/86
	A21.	4,763,516	8/16/88	Greenspan			11/26/86
	A22.	5,481,921	1/9/96	Carpenter et al.			2/17/95
	A23.	5,581,029	12/3/96	Wahl et al.			7/21/95
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	A24.	5,587,226	12/24/96	Leung et al.			1/28/93		
	A25.	5,656,772	8/12/97	Markel			7/19/96		
	A26.	5,834,651	11/10/98	McSheffrey et al.			4/26/96		
	A27.	5,895,861	4/20/99	Slonaker			11/19/97		
	A28.	5,983,726	11/16/99	Heller			12/19/97		
	A29.	6,026,854	2/22/00	Davidson			6/28/99		
	A30.	6,082,396	7/4/00	Davidson			12/16/98		
	A31.	6,216,541B1	4/17/01	Carpenter			12/13/95		
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS									
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